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***Response to Amendment***

1. The addition of the limitations “wherein the electrical energy storage cells are elongate and aligned parallel to one another and side by side; a plurality of electrical interconnects arranged to electrically connect adjacent electrical energy storage cells; a plurality of elongated separation bars positioned between the adjacent electrical energy storage cells and between the plurality of electrical interconnects to thereby reduce shorting and provide mechanical support” and “an exterior temperature of the second layer is less than 130°C during the electrical short circuit of the electrical energy storage cell” to claims 1, 9, 24, and 30 changes the scope of the claims. Therefore, the amendment raises new issues that would require further search and/or consideration.

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